



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3677
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Sommer, <i>et al.</i>)	Examiner: Sharp, Jeffrey A.
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Serial No.: 10/730,216)	Confirmation No.: 2074
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Filed: 12/8/03)	Docket No.: 051812-1240
)	
For: PRESS-FIT FASTENER AND)	
METHOD OF PRODUCING IT)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO THIRD (FINAL) OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The final Office Action mailed March 2, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently with this response so that the Office Action mailed is effectively made non-final. Under 37 U.S.C. §1.114, the effect of the RCE, which makes the instant Office Action non-final, is to cause examination of the instant application to remain open. Accordingly, amendments submitted herein are to be entered as a matter of right, and each claim is entitled to continued examination.